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UNION

1. FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE LIBERATION OF
SOVIET JEWRY (MAOZ), HEADED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S SECRETARY
MR YELLIN, CALLED AT THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 20 TO TRANSMIT
A PETITION PROTESTING THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
SOVIET UNION WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAD CIRCULATED ON THE
OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS. THEY REQUESTED THAT THE PETITION, TOGETHER WITH A LETTER
ON THE SUBJECT OF "THE RIGHT OF JEWISH NATIONS TO THE LAND OF
ISRAEL," BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHILE PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN IS IN THE U.S. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT
AND THE PETITION WILL BE POUCHED SEPARATELY. THE TEXT OF THE
PETITION FOLLOWS.
BEGIN TEXT.

2. ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE DEFENSE OF
HUMAN RIGHTS (DECEMBER 10, 1977), WE, THE UNDERSIGNED
CITIZENS OF ISRAEL, TURN TO YOU, MESSRS. CARTER AND
WALDHEIM, IN OUR NAME AND IN THE NAMES OF THE PRISONERS
OF ZION AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM
FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO CANNOT TURN TO YOU PERSONALLY BECAUSE OF
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THE TOTALITARIAN LAWS EXISTING IN RUSSIA AND HER SATELLITES.

3. IN ADDITION TO OUR MORAL AND HUMANE APPEAL, THERE IS ALSO A
LEGAL BASIS. THIS IS BASED ON PARAGRAPHS 13, 18 AND 19
OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS RATIFIED BY THE UN ON DECEMBER 10, 1948.
TODAY, DECEMBER 11, WE OBSERVE THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS
DATE BY A HUNGER STRIKE IN ISRAEL AS A TOKEN OF IDENTIFICATION

WITH THE PRISONERS OF ZION, WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OTHER FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM, WITH THOUSANDS OF "REFUSENIK" FAMILIES FORCIBLY SEPARATED, WITH MASSES OF JEWS WHO ARE REFUSED PERMISSION TO RETURN TO THEIR HISTORIC HOMELAND ISRAEL, WITH TENS OF NATIONS WHOSE INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY RUSSIA. THE ABOVE MENTIONED BILL OF RIGHTS ASSURES FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, AND THE RIGHT OF FREE MOVEMENT.

4. HOWEVER, RUSSIA, ONE OF THE SIGNATORS (SIC) OF THIS BILL, PUBLICLY VIOLATES THOSE FREEDOMS, JUST AS SHE VIOLATES THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT OF 1975 (TO WHICH WE HAVE ENDLESS PROOFS). HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (AMONG THEM PRISONERS OF ZION JAILED FOR WISHING TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND ISRAEL) ARE NOW JAILED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR, EVEN WORSE, IN "PSYCHIATRIC" WARDS, SUFFERING DEPRIVATION, COLD, HUNGER, SLAVE LABOR BEYOND THEIR STRENGTH, CRUEL BEATINGS AND THREATS.

5. WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION ALSO TO THE MILLIONS OF REFUGEES FROM MANY COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE NOW IN THE JAWS OF COMMUNIST TOTALITARIANISM. THEIR COUNTRIES WERE TAKEN BY FORCE, AND THEY ARE NOW FORCED TO LIVE IN STRANGE LANDS. BUT THE LYING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA DIVERTS PUBLIC ATTENTION, INCLUDING THAT OF THE LEADERS OF THE FREE WORLD, FROM THE REAL PROBLEM, NAMELY THE CONQUEST AND ENSLAVEMENT BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET UNION OF THESE COUNTRIES.

6. WE REMIND YOU THAT SOVIET WEAPONS HELPED DESTROY BIAFRA, AND IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF WIPING OUT THE CHRISTIAN ARABS IN LEBANON WITH THE AID OF THE PLO (THE ORGANIZATION SUPPORTED BY THE U.S.S.R. WITH THE AIM OF DESTROYING THE STATE OF ISRAEL). THESE ARE JUST A FEW IN THE LONG LIST OF SOVIET CRIMES.

7. WE RESPECTFULLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:--
THAT YOU DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS OF ZION (AND CONSCIENCE) AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM, WHO ARE NOW IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND MENTAL HOSPITALS IN THE U.S.S.R.
--THAT YOU REQUEST RUSSIA TO FULFILL PARAS 13 OF THE UN BILL OF RIGHTS OF DECEMBER 10, 1948, RESPECTING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: NAMELY, FREE EXIT FROM THE U.S.S.R. OF REFUSENIKS LONG AWAITING EXIT PERMITS; FREE EXIT FOR ALL WHO WISH TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION.
--THAT YOU BRING UP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PRESENT UN MEETING THE VIOLATIONS BY THE U.S.S.R. OF PARAS. 13, 18 AND 19 OF THE UN BILL OF RIGHTS; NAMELY EXISTENCE THERE OF CONCENTRATION

CAMPS AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS WHEREIN AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF
60-70 MILLION INNOCENT VICTIMS HAVE PERISHED, AND WHERE
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ARE STILL BEING HELD.
--THAT YOU HELP ESTABLISH A SPECIAL UN COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE
U.S.S.R. AND INSPECT THE CONDITION OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS, HOSPITALS, AND JAILS. END TEXT
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